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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO PRC

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1. AMBASSADOR DE LABOULAYE OF FRANCE CALLED ON UNDER
SECRETARY NEWSOM AFTERNOON OF JUNE 26 TO ELICIT USG
REACTION TO FRENCH PROPOSAL TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH
PRC REGARDING PROSPECTIVE FRENCH LIGHT WATER NUCLEAR
REACTOR SALE TO PRC. REFERRING TO THE PROPOSED
FRAMATOME SALE OF A FRENCH-BUILT NUCLEAR REACTOR,
DE LABOULAYE SAID THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN A USG

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REACTION TO A JULY 2 FRAMATOME MISSION TO THE PRC
TO FURTHER DISCUSS DETAILS FOR THE PLANT. (REFTEL
NOTES MISSION WILL DEPART JULY 1. PLEASE CLARIFY.)

2. DE LABOULAYE COVERED SAME POINTS AS PARA 2 REFTEL.
HE ASKED THAT THE USG INFORM FRANCE BEFORE JULY 2 IF
THE TWO AGREEMENTS IN REFTEL ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET

USG SAFEGUARDS CRITERIA IN ORDER FOR WESTINGHOUSE TO SECURE USG APPROVAL BECAUSE THE US COMPANY HAS A LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH FRAMATOME.

3. IT IS OUR INTENT TO SUPPLY TO THE FRENCH BEFORE JULY 2 THE U.S. SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION CONDITIONS FOR THE TRANSFER. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO THE FRENCH THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION ON THE MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED FRAMATOME SALE UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION OF THE EQUIPMENT, COMPONENTS, AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW, AND DESIGN DATA INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER.

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